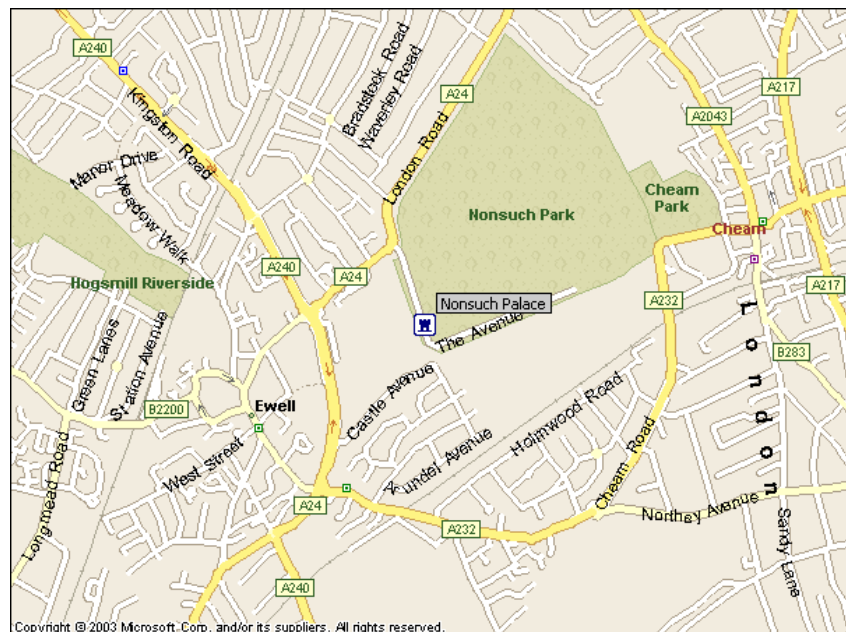


Nonsuch Park

Address 23 Ewell Road
Sutton
SM3 8AB



Ward Nonsuch

Opening times Pedestrian access 24 hours a day
Vehicle access open from 7am to half hour before sunset

Disabled Access Yes

Parking Yes

Entrances Ewell Road – Cheam Gate Entrance
London Road – London Road Gate Entrance
London Road – Sparrow Farm Gate Entrance

About the park Nonsuch Park is situated between Cheam and Ewell Village in the north of Epsom and Ewell. There are a number of access points to the park which include two car parks off London Road, Ewell and a car park off Ewell Road, Cheam. Vehicle access to the Mansion House is only via the gate on Ewell Road, Cheam.

Pedestrians can enter Nonsuch Park from the main entrances off London Road and Ewell Road. In addition there are footpaths from Blue Gates, Beaufort Way and Ewell By-Pass. A public

footpath from Holmwood Road leads across Warren Farm into Nonsuch Park

Nonsuch Park is a very large open space with an extensive network of both surfaced and unsurfaced paths. It is home to a variety of different species of flowers, birds and insects.

Nonsuch Mansion House is situated in the centre of the park and can be hired for weddings and private parties. For more information regarding room hire please phone 020 8786 8124 or visit <http://www.nonsuchmansion.com/weddings>

The Nonsuch Pantry Café adjoins the Mansion House provides refreshments and ice creams.

The Service Wing Museum is located in part of the Mansion House and is operated by the Friends of Nonsuch. The opening times for the museum can be found on the Friends of Nonsuch's website <http://www.friendsofnonsuch.co.uk/>

History

King Henry VIII began the building Nonsuch Palace on 22 April 1538 on the thirtieth anniversary of his accession. The King's advisors chose a site then occupied by the village of Cuddington, with its church and manor house. These were cleared away and the owners compensated.

Within two months of work beginning, the name 'Nonsuch' first appears in the building accounts. The structure was substantially completed by January 1541, but the decorations of the outside walls (which were to be the fame of Nonsuch and the explanation of Henry's purpose in its creation) were still in progress five years later. By November 1545 the work had cost £24,536. When Henry died on 28 January 1547, the palace was still unfinished. What little remained to be done was completed by Henry Fitzalan, Twelfth Earl of Arundel, after his purchase of the palace from the crown in 1556.

Elizabeth I regained Nonsuch in 1592 and it remained in Royal hands (apart from the Commonwealth) until 1670 when Charles II gave it to his erstwhile mistress, Barbara Villiers, who became Baroness Nonsuch, Duchess of Cleveland. She demolished the palace in 1682-3 and broke up the parks to sell to cover her gambling debts. The site was excavated in 1959. Only small remnants of the Palace can be seen today.

Awards



Facilities

Playground

No

Seating

Yes

Pond

Yes

Help keep our ducks healthy and don't feed them bread

Toilets

Yes

Dogs

Nonsuch Park welcomes responsible dog walkers

Dog free areas –

Formal Garden

Dogs on lead by Nonsuch Pantry

Friends Group

Friends of Nonsuch and the Nonsuch Voles

If you would like any further information regarding the Friends Of group please email contactus@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Events

www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/visitors/whats-on/all

